(c) As there is no indigenous production of Cephaloridine, no price has been fixed for this bulk drug under the Drug Price Control Order.

(d) Details of imports of this drug during the last three years are given below :—

Year	Quantity imported (Kgs.)	CIF import price (Rs./Kg.)
1981-82 . .	94·88	7,786·72
1982-83 . .	97·08	7,203·52
1983-84 . .	223·40	7,060·60

Landed cost of imports depends upon the customs duty prevalent from time to time. Company-wise imports are not available.

(e) Following prices have been notified as the leader prices for the formulations based on Cephaloridine under the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

(1) Cephloridine 500 mg. vial . Rs. 10.34
(2) Cephaloridine 1 g. vial . Rs. 18.12

The above leader prices are exclusive of excise duty, if any.

(f) The major formulations of this drug as available are Ceproran, Sporidine, Cephalorin, Cephlodine, Felodine etc. Leader prices referred to in reply to part (e) are applicable to these formulators as well.

(g) Leader prices were notified in September, 1984 based on the average landed cost of import.

Price increase of medicines

178. SHRI SYED RAHMAT ALI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) what are the products for which Government have allowed price increase of medicines during 1st April to 31st October, 1985 along with names of products, names of companies, earlier and revised prices;

(b) what are the reasons for allowing the increase;

(c) whether price increase has been allowed on the basis of verification of purchase invoices of drugs and other pharmaceutical aids;

(d) if so, what was the price of each drug and pharmaceutical aid allowed earlier and what was the price on which price increase of finished product has been allowed;

(e) names of the formulations for which price reduction has been made during the same period along with earlier and reduced price of each;

(f) whether it is a fact that price reduction has not been implemented by formulators; and

(g) if so, what are the reasons in each case ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (g) Information required involves scanning of a large number of formulations which are produced using a number of bulk drugs, pharmaceutical aids are other inputs. Time and efforts involved are not likely to be commensurate with the object sought to be achieved. The price revision has been in accordance with the provisions of the Drugs (Prices Control) Order, 1979.

Arrest of Company Officials for Chlorine Gas Leakage at Thane

179. SHRI M.S. RAMACHANDRAN : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state :

(a) whether it is a fact that certain company Official have been

arrested by the Thane Police for Chlorine gas leakages in October, 1985;

(b) if so, what are the names of the involved; and

(c) the details of similar action taken in other recent cases of gas leakage?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) to (c) According to information received from the Government of Maharashtra, in October, 1985 officials of the following three companies were arrested :—

1. M/s. Standard Alkali, Thane.
2. M/s. J.K. Chemicals, Thane.
3. M/s. Pesticides and Breweries Ltd.

On 6th November, 1985, four persons of M/s. Century Chemicals were also arrested.

Manufacture of Pheniramine Maleate

180. SHRI SYED RAHMAT ALI : Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to refer to the answer to the Starred Question 366 given in Rajya Sabha on 19th August, 1985 and state :

(a) what is the capacity mentioned on the Industrial Licence granted to Hoechst for the manufacture of Pheniramine Maleate along with Licence Number, date and important conditions mentioned;

(b) names of the bulk drugs for which Hoechst has been licensed along with permitted capacity of each drug;

(c) what was the production of each drug during the last three years, year-wise;

(d) what is the stage of manufacture permitted and from which stage each is being produced:

(e) how many multipurpose plants have been installed by this company for the production of bulk drug along with year of installation and capacity of each;

(f) whether approval was obtained from Government for installation of these plants;

(g) if so, approval number and date; and

(h) what is the total permitted capacity sanctioned to this company for bulk drugs and formulations and what was the actual production of each bulk durg during the last three years, yearwise ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF CHEMICALS AND PETROCHEMICALS (SHRI R.K. JAICHANDRA SINGH) : (a) M/s. Hoechst India are holding an Industrial Licence No. L/22/274/65-Ch. III dated 9th June, 1965 for the manufacture of 2500 Kgs./annum of Pheniramine Maleate. Subsequently, this capacity was re-endorsed to 4,000 Kgs. per annum. However, Industrial Approval has no specific condition.

(b) to (d) The production details of bulk drugs which are manufactured by Hoechst and where production is monitored alongwith the stage of manufacture permitted/ actual are given in the statement.

(e) To the extent details are available, M/s. Hoechst have six multipurpose plants for the manufacture of bulk drugs. Government does not fix capacities for individual multipurpose plants.

(f) and (g) Do not arise.

(h) To the extent details are available, the total permissible productive capacity for bulk drugs is 283.64 tonnes per annum while the actual production of bulk drugs during 1983 was 285.45 tonnes.